

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**Executive Director of the Housing Authority** 

At its meeting held July 20, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"At the Board meeting of July 6, 2004, the Executive Director of the County's Housing Authority was instructed to assess and report back on the staffing needs of its investigation unit assigned to the Antelope Valley. This assessment was necessitated by the large number of residents 'porting in' with Section 8 vouchers issued by other cities, which has put a strain on the Housing Authority's ability to screen potential tenants, process applications, and monitor compliance with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and County rules and requirements for Section 8 tenants. The Housing Authority was also instructed to consult with the City of Lancaster to discuss the combining of resources to finance an additional housing investigator assigned to the City of Lancaster and the unincorporated areas of Antelope Valley.

"As the Housing Authority specified in its report, the cost of hiring one investigator for a period of one year is approximately \$100,000, given costs associated with the salary, benefits, and equipment needs of this investigator. Given the onset of HUD reductions in funding for the Housing Authority, the funding for this position cannot be financed within the existing Housing Authority budget. The only feasible means of financing this position is if the costs are shared by the City of Lancaster and the County of Los Angeles. Because the Fifth District has agreed to pay for the County portion using discretionary funds, and the City of Lancaster has agreed to pay for its portion, no Housing Authority nor County General Fund money would be used to finance this position."

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina being absent), the Executive Director of the Housing Authority was directed to:

- Contract with the City of Lancaster to provide one housing investigator to be assigned exclusively to the City of Lancaster and the unincorporated areas of Antelope Valley to screen potential Section 8 tenants, process applications and monitor compliance with United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and County rules and requirements; and
- Incorporate the shared cost of \$100,000, contributed by the City of Lancaster in amount of \$50,000 and the County of Los Angeles in amount of \$50,000, and one new, full-time, regular investigator position into the Housing Authority's approved Fiscal Year 2004-05 budget.

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